

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method of processing a biometric input, said method
2 comprising:
3 receiving the biometric input from a biometric
4 receiving device;
5 computing a biometric signature corresponding to the
6 biometric input;
7 comparing the biometric signature to one or more
8 stored biometric signatures;
9 determining a match based on the comparing;
10 identifying an action based on the determination; and
11 performing the identified action.
- 1 2. The method as described in claim 1 wherein the
2 performing further includes:
3 identifying a message recipient;
4 preparing a message; and
5 sending the message to the message recipient.
- 1 3. The method as described in claim 2 wherein the
2 preparing further includes:
3 identifying an encryption key corresponding to the
4 recipient; and
5 encrypting the message using the identified encryption
6 key.
- 1 4. The method as described in claim 2 wherein the
2 preparing further includes:
3 identifying a sender's digital signature; and
4 signing the message with the sender's digital
5 signature.
- 1 5. The method as described in claim 2 further comprising:

identifying a visual image corresponding to a person,
the person corresponding to the biometric
signature; and
including the visual image in the message.

6. The method as described in claim 1 wherein the
biometric receiving device includes a plurality of
biometric receiving devices, each receiving device
corresponding to a distinct location id.

7. The method as described in claim 6 further comprising;
identifying a message recipient;
preparing a message;
retrieving a biometric location corresponding to one
of the biometric input devices from which the
biometric input was received; and
sending a message to the message recipient, wherein
the message includes the biometric location.

8. An information handling system comprising:
one or more processors;
a memory accessible by the processors;
one or more nonvolatile storage devices accessible by
the processors;
a biometric input handling tool to manage a biometric
input stored on one of the nonvolatile storage
devices, the biometric input handling tool
including:
means for receiving the biometric input from a
biometric receiving device;
means for computing a biometric signature
corresponding to the biometric input;

14 means for comparing the biometric signature to
15 one or more stored biometric signatures;
16 means for determining a match based on the
17 comparing;
18 means for identifying an action based on the
19 determination; and
20 means for performing the identified action.

1 9. The information handling system as described in claim
2 8 wherein the means for performing further includes:
3 means for identifying a message recipient;
4 means for preparing a message; and
5 means for sending the message to the message
6 recipient.

1 10. The information handling system as described in claim
2 9 wherein the means for preparing further includes:
3 means for identifying an encryption key corresponding
4 to the recipient; and
5 means for encrypting the message using the identified
6 encryption key.

1 11. The information handling system as described in claim
2 9 wherein the means for preparing further includes:
3 means for identifying a sender's digital signature;
4 and
5 means for signing the message with the sender's
6 digital signature.

1 12. The information handling system as described in claim
2 9 further comprising:

means for identifying a visual image corresponding to
a person, the person corresponding to the
biometric signature; and
means for including the visual image in the message.

13. The information handling system as described in claim
8 wherein the biometric receiving device includes a
plurality of biometric receiving devices, each
receiving device corresponding to a distinct location
id.

14. The information handling system as described in claim
13 further comprising;
means for identifying a message recipient;
means for preparing a message;
means for retrieving a biometric location
corresponding to one of the biometric input
devices from which the biometric input was
received; and
means for sending a message to the message recipient,
wherein the message includes the biometric
location.

15. A computer program product stored in a computer
operable media for managing a data source, said
computer program product comprising:
means for receiving the biometric input from a
biometric receiving device;
means for computing a biometric signature
corresponding to the biometric input;
means for comparing the biometric signature to one or
more stored biometric signatures;
means for determining a match based on the comparing;

11 means for identifying an action based on the
12 determination; and
13 means for performing the identified action.

1 16. The computer program product as described in claim 15
2 wherein the means for performing further includes:
3 means for identifying a message recipient;
4 means for preparing a message; and
5 means for sending the message to the message
6 recipient.

1 17. The computer program product as described in claim 16
2 wherein the means for preparing further includes:
3 means for identifying an encryption key corresponding
4 to the recipient; and
5 means for encrypting the message using the identified
6 encryption key.

1 18. The computer program product as described in claim 16
2 wherein the means for preparing further includes:
3 means for identifying a sender's digital signature;
4 and
5 means for signing the message with the sender's
6 digital signature.

1 19. The computer program product as described in claim 16
2 further comprising:
3 means for identifying a visual image corresponding to
4 a person, the person corresponding to the
5 biometric signature; and
6 means for including the visual image in the message.

1 20. The computer program product as described in claim 15
2 wherein the biometric receiving device includes a

3 plurality of biometric receiving devices, each
4 receiving device corresponding to a distinct location
5 id.

1 21. The computer program product as described in claim 20
2 further comprising;
3 means for identifying a message recipient;
4 means for preparing a message;
5 means for retrieving a biometric location
6 corresponding to one of the biometric input
7 devices from which the biometric input was
8 received; and
9 means for sending a message to the message recipient,
10 wherein the message includes the biometric
11 location.